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In re patent application of

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**For:** TRANSPORTING APPARATUS AND TRANSPORTING CONTROL METHOD  
FOR THIN PLATE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: